

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Cullman Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

EBENEZER CHURCH

October 27, 28, & 29th, 1900.

OFFICERS.

REV. R. C. LEDBETTER, MODERATOR.....Walter, Ala.

J. D. SMALL, CLERK,Blountsville, Ala.

B. E. JACKSON, TREASURER..... Hanceville, Ala.

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The CULLMAN ASSOCIATION met with Ebenezer Church on Thursday October 27th, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A short devotional exercise was held, conducted by the Moderator, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Smith.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 o'clock, p. m.. Prayer by Elder C. A. Owen.

Appointed as Reading Clerks, Rev. W. T. Cobbs, A. B. Speakman and C. A. Owen.

Received and read the letters from the different churches, and enrolled delegates as follows:

Bethsaida, O. C. Cagle, W. R. Pullen, N. H. Swafford.

Beech Grove—T. H. King, J. N. Hardeman. T. E. Hays, Nathan Elliott

Bethlehem. West—H. D. Rainwater. M. B. Smith, Charles Norman.

Hopewell—J. D. Small, B. S. Loveless. B. E. Jackson.

New Harmony—J. F. Noles, G. A. Miller, W. W. Noles.

Duck River—J. S. Brown, R. J. Davis, C. Bice.

Welcom—John Nopp, T. P. Albrittain, W. F. Nopp.

Center Hill—J. A. Giles, G. C. Giles, W. T. Whatley.

Cold Spring—T. M. Gorman, Holmes Willoughby, J. B. Willoughby.

Sardis—G. S. Hancock, J. M. Leverett, Jeff. Grubs.

Emmeus—C. C. Cockran, W. H. Petty, W. T. King.

Mt. Hope—W. R. Roden, C. T. Fisher, A. L. Miller.

Pleasant Grove—J. Gurley, J. Taylor, W. T. Bottoms.

West Cullman—N. H. Murphree, C. W. Whaley.

Harmony—W. H. Martin, L. B. McAfee.

Missionary Grove—W. J. Woods, W. N. Parker, D. S. Johnson.

Concord—J. R. Tanner, G. D. Yeager, J. N. Philpot.

Corinth—E. L. Brake, S. W. Laney, W. D. Smith.

Pilgrim's Rest—E. C. Braswell, W. J. Jackson, W. T. Murphy.

Ryan's Creek—T. A. Morrow, S. J. Calvert, W. H. Hunter.

Good Hope—R. J. Livingston, J. M. Phillips, W. A. Taylor.

Ebenezer—J. G. Posey, W. S. Banks, W. M. Britt, Vellon Parker.

Flint Creek, C S. Couch, J J Gay, Peter Shikles, J E Pope.

Simcoe—J D Lovelady, T F Hillman, G C Glasscock.

Bethany—T A Martin, W H Calvert, W E Freeman.

Etha—J W Goodlett, W G Holmes, Pinkney Scruggs, D H Howell.

New Home—N H Hasel, J T Morgan, G W Noles.

Center Grove—E D Loyd, R H Sparks, W H Oden.

El'Bethel—Lewis Owen.

Enon—W L McMullin, J M Morgan.

On motion, reinstated Liberty Church in the Association with the following delegates: S M Denson, H A Paris, T J Denson.

Logan—A B Speakman, J B Flowers.

Called for petitionary letters when the following was received. New Hope—Thomas Edge, William Cofield.

The Association then went into the election of officers which resulted as follows:

Moderator—Rev. R C Ledbetter.

Clerk—J D Small.

Treasurer—B E Jackson.

Called for correspondence, when Bros. W T Cobb, J P Scruggs and J E Weaver were received from the Mussell Shoals, J B Griggs from Clear Creek. Bros Howard, Whatley and Bailey from Warrior River.

Appointed the following committees:

On Devotion—C W Whaley, W T Murphy, and Deacons of Ebenezer church.

On Finance—A B Speakman, J M Leverett, B S Loveless.

On Colportage—A M Preston, J M Bottoms, J D Lovelady.

On Nominations—W W Coggins, W J Jackson, J H Hillman.

On Indigent and Deceased Ministers—J K P Byrum, J N Hardman, T J Denson.

On Orphan's Home—J H Harbison, W H Guthrie, B E Jackson.

On State of Religion—G W Bragg, N Hasel, G C Glasscock.

The following committees were then appointed to report next session:

On Ministerial Education—W. H. Guthrie, A. B. Speakman, J. H. Harbison.

On Temperance—J. H. Hillman, J. T. Brown, J. D. Tankersley.

On Missions—L. Mullins, A. M. Preston, C. W. Whaley.

On Sunday Schools—W. Y. Brindley, J. T. Meadows, J. M. Leverett.

The Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Sunday morning.

Sunday, 9 o'clock, a. m.—Association called to order by Moderator—prayer by G. C. Whatley.

On motion, received Dr. W. B. Crumpton as correspondent from the State Mission Board.

Called for the Sunday School report.

On motion the report was received and ably discussed by Bro's Scruggs, Crumpton, Musgrove, Livingston, Guthrie, Harbison, and others: and, on motion, the report was unanimously adopted.

The Association then took a recess for preaching.

The Missionary sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Bro. W. B. Crumpton from Exodus 12 and 6. After preaching a sumptuous dinner was spread by the good sisters.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., Bro. W. T. Cobb preached an able sermon to a large audience from Titus 3rd and 1st. The body then took a recess until morning.

Monday morning, 8:30 o'clock.—Association called to order by the Moderator—prayer by the moderator. The regular order of business was taken up, and returned correspondence, as follows: To the Mussel Shoals, C. A. Owen, T. J. Weeks, L. Mullins, B. E. Jackson.—To Sulphur Springs: C. A. Owen, T. E. Hays, T. J. Weeks.—To the Marshall: W. T. Murphy, Oliver Cagle, R. C. Ledbetter. Warrior River: W. A. Taylor, R. C. Ledbetter, C. A. Owen, L. Mullins. Clear Creek: J. H. Freeman, J. H. Harbison, Sim Calvert. Gillum Springs: W. H. Hasel, J. S. Brown.

Appointed delegates to the State Convention as follows: C. A. Owen, J. H. Harbison, L. Mullins, T. J. Weeks,

Oliver Cagle.

Elected as delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. H. Harbison; L. Mullins, alternate.

Called for the report on Temperance.—On motion it was received and adopted.

Called for the report on missions:—Report read, and after an able discussion, it was unanimously adopted.

Received and adopted report of Executive Committee.

A recess of 30 minutes was taken for dinner.

One o'clock, p. m.—Association called to order by the moderator—prayer by Bro. Akers.

The moderator then appointed an Executive Committee as follows: C. W. Whaley, J. K. Turner, W. W. Coggins, C. Bice, W. T. Murphy.

Received and adopted report on indigent and deceased ministers. Adopted report on institute work. Read and adopted report on education. Adopted report on Orphan's Home.

On motion that the contributions to the Orphan's Home, Missions, and all other contributions, be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee, to be paid out by them, where it belongs, was adopted.

Finance report adopted. Read and adopted report on nominations. Adopted report on colportage work.

On motion changed the time of meeting of the Association to Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in October at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Read and adopted report on state of religion.

Appointed the first Fifth Sunday meeting at New Home church. Second Fifth Sunday meeting at Hopewell.—The third at Mt. Hope church.

On motion that the word "appoint" in the 6th article of the constitution be stricken out and the word "elect" be inserted.

Read and adopted Treasurer's report.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Pilgrim's Rest church on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1901, at 10 o'clock, a. m.—Prayer by Bro. W. H. Guthrie.

R. C. LEDBETTER, Moderator,
Walter, Ala.

JOHN D. SMALL, Clerk,
Blountsville, Ala.

List of churches and individuals who have pledged themselves to try to raise the amount asked for by the State Board for missionary purposes for the next year:

Concord Church, \$5 00; Welcome, \$2 50; Pilgrim's Rest, \$5 00; Missionary Grove, \$5 00; Duck River, \$5 00; Enon, \$2 50; Emeus prorata share of \$3 50; Ebenezer, \$5 00, paid; New Home, \$5 00; Simcoe, \$2 50; West Cullman, prorata share; Ryan's Creek, \$10; New Hope, \$2 50; Center Hill, prorata share; Bethlehem, West, \$5 00; Harmony, prorata share; Logan, \$4 73; Hopewell, prorata share.—Individual contributions: Sister C. J. Freeman, \$1 00, paid; J. H. Freeman, \$1 00, paid; G. W. Bragg, 25c. p'd; Tom Denson, \$1 00; C. W. Whaley, \$1 00; J. H. Harbison, \$1 00; J. A. Fanning, \$1 50, p'd; W. W. Coggins, \$1 00; Oliver Cagle, \$1 00.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report the following: We find from the letters that there are many churches that have no Sunday School. This is a lamentable fact. We find from the Scriptures that when Christ was in this world he taught on the Sabbath day. Now, if it was Christ's custom to teach on the Sabbath, ought we not to gather the children together on the Sabbath and teach them. Let us remember that Solomon said "bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We believe there is no better place to refine and build the character of our children than in the Sabbath School. We hope and believe that the interest in the Sabbath School is increasing. Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us arouse to the great work of instructing the young; and further we urge every church that has no school to start one at once. We further urge that every Sunday School send representatives to the Baptist Sunday School Convention which meets on Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1901. Respectfully submitted,

C. W. WHALEY.
J. M. BOTTOMS.

Report on Missions—There has been so much said on this subject we now think it time to act. We find last year we only gave a little over two cents a member. We are now called upon to raise three hundred and fifty dollars for the next year, which will only be seventeen and a half cents per member. Your committee urges that we raise the amount. Brethren, let us possess the land in the name of Him who gave himself for us. Let us work and pray and win this world for Jesus. If one can chase a thousand and two put ten thousand to flight, what great things the two thousand members of the Cullman Baptist Association can do for the salvation of this world. May God help us to go forward in this great work and He will bless us in the effort for He has said I will be with you always even unto the end of the world, so let us go forward.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. OWEN.

Report on Ministerial Education.—We your committee would report as follows: The two most important facts to be considered in education are everything that we learn forms a part of our knowledge and that a part of the august command of the Savior was "Go Teach all Nations." Ignorance, superstition, sin and prejudice cannot rule where religion and scientific education reigns. Every profession except the ministry requires its agents to attain a certain degree of efficiency before they enter upon their work, why not the man of God, who speaks upon the most sublime subject of earth, be most proficient in his preparations? We must tolerate in practice the theory of two-seedism, "God do all man do nothing" or educate our ministry. We would recommend that this association take a deeper interest in this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

Report on Orphans Home.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that we are glad to say that from the reports from the various churches that the Orphans cause is growing in our midst and we trust the churches will remember the scripture which says, "visit the widow and orphan in their affliction," and contribute more liberally to this noble institution, that our denomination has inaugurated and set up for the care of their little ones.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HARRISON.

State of Religion.—We find that the state of religion in some of our churches is good, some are reasonably good, but some of the churches report no prayer meeting or Sunday school. How can we expect to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the truth when we are living below our privileges as christians. We recommend that our ministers be more zealous to instruct the people in the ways of life and salvation.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. BRAGG.

Report on Temperance.—We, your committee, beg leave to report that the question of Temperance should engage our most profound thought, for we are taught in Holy writ, that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of Heaven, and while we have no reason to doubt from observation that the evil of intemperance among church members is not as prevalent as in the past, still we yet see and hear of professed followers of Jesus degrading themselves by

the excessive use of strong drink. Now this ought not so to be. Therefore we would enjoin on the churches composing this association that they use every laudable means to reclaim an erring brother, but when it is apparent that they are joined to their idol, they should be strictly disciplined, that the cause of Christ suffer not.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. HARBISON.

Ministers Institute Work.—Dear brethren, we would report that we held an Institute at Goodhope in February last. It was conducted by brother J. G. Lowery and resulted in a great blessing to all who attended it. An Institute was organized in the bounds of the Cullman Association and elected an executive committee as follows: J. H. Harbison, C. A. Owen, J. E. Creal, W. H. Absher and J. E. Weaver. We have arranged for another Institute to be held in the near future at Hopewell, to be conducted by brother J. C. Anderson. Dear brethren, we commend to your prayerful consideration the importance of this work and hope it will be continued until its blessings may be realized by every christian of this association. Brethren, we have a number of ministers in this association who need help, whose opportunities are limited. We, your committee would recommend that each church send a liberal contribution to the Institute at Hopewell to help forward on the much needed work.

Respectfully submitted,
C. A. OWEN, CH'M.

Report on Colportage Work.—We, your committee, beg leave to report we have no Colporter and no funds to put one in the field. There are no doubt families in our association who have no Bible. Therefore, we recommend that each church and minister look after their own destitution.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. BOTTOMS.

Report of Committee on Nominations.—There being three churches which called for the association. We recommend that the next meeting of this body be held with Pilgrims Rest Church and we further recommend that J. M. Bottoms preach the Introductory Sermon, L. Mullins, alternate; that J. H. Harbison preach the Missionary Sermon, R. C. Ledbetter, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. COGGINS, CH'M.

Report on Deceased Ministers.—We, your committee, are thankful to report that our old ministers are cared for and that God has spared the lives of all our ministers during the past year, for which we feel thankful.

Respectfully submitted,
J. K. P. BYRUM, CH'M.

Report of Executive Committee.—We, your committee, on examining the Treasurers Report find a balance on hand of \$31.20. We authorized treasurer to pay traveling expenses of brother J. H. Harbison to the Southern Baptist Convention and take his receipt for same and as he did not attend the Convention we have check on hand.

J. K. P. BYRUM, CH'M.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

State Missions.....	\$18.50.
Home Missions.....	10.00.
Foreign Missions.....	14.95.
Associational Missions.....	4.75.
Ministers Institute.....	.50.
Orphans Home.....	11.95.
Minutes.....	32.40.
Aged Ministers.....	2.55.
Total.....	<u>\$95.60.</u>

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. SPEAKMAN, CH'M.

TREASURERS REPORT.

Received of Financial Committee for:	
State Missions.....	\$18.50.
Home Missions.....	10.00.
Foreign Missions.....	14.95.
Indefinite or Associational.....	4.75.
Aged Ministers.....	2.55.
Ministers Institute.....	.50.
Orphans Home.....	15.48.
Public Collections.....	7.81.
Collections for State Board for 1901.....	9.75.
On hand from last report.....	31.20.
Minute Funds.....	32.40.
Total.....	\$147.89.
Paid out for printing and distributing minutes 1899.....	29.45.
Balance on hand.....	\$114.86.

B. E. JACKSON, TREASURER.

The following queries were discussed and answered at the fifth Sunday meeting held with Beech Grove Church in July last: "Has a church the right to exclude a minister without calling a Presbytry?" Answer, "Yes." "Should every church have a regular prayer meeting?" Answer, "Yes." Why do they not have them? Answer, "For want of holy living." "Is the church teaching and practicing the same as in the days of the apostles?" Answer, "Yes." "If a Deacon has been excluded and then restored is it right to withhold his Deaconship?" Answer, "No."

J. T. WEEKS, MODERATOR.

At the fifth Sunday meeting in September held with Flint Creek church the following queries were answered: "What business has Christ for his organic church?" answer: "To evangelize the world." "What are the fundamental principles upon which Christ's churches were set up?" Not answered.

F. W. KRUSEL, MODERATOR.

Resolution of Thanks—Resolved that the thanks of this body be tendered this church and the good people of this community for their kindness during this session. Resolved further that the thanks of this body be tendered our worthy Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and other officers of this body for efficient services.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A Adams, Hanceville.	T J Weeks, Johnsons C'sing.
T E Hays, "	W H McSwain, Cullman.
C A Owen, Glade.	G L Brindley, Simcoe.
I J Helms, Hanceville,	L Mullins, Cullman.
W H Guthrie, Logan.	C I Holloway, Logan.
R C Ledbetter, Walter.	H W Little, Clifty,
J M Bottoms, Logan.	R M Presley, Cullman.
W M Smith, Bremen.	G W Bragg, Trimble.
J H Harbison, Bremen.	P R Tennison, Holly Pond.
G J Moon, "	J H Freeman, Wheat.
A Mewbourn, Cullman.	H D Rainwater, Crooked Cr'k.
P M Musgrove, "	G W Chandler, Johnsons C'sg
J H Dunlap, Cullman. Ala.	

LICENTIATES.

J T Brown, Walter.	N D Mayo, Marshal.
G W Noles, Summit.	G W Watts, Holly Pond.
N H Hasel, "	P M Bland, Glade.
W J Woods, Cullman.	R A Cooker, Crooked Creek.
H Edwards, Hanceville,	S L Butler, Cullman.
W S Linton, Glade, Ala.	

MEETINGS OF ASSOCIATIONS.

Cullman, Tuesday before fourth Sunday in October at Pilgrims Rest.
 Mussel Shoals, Thursday before First Sunday in October.
 Sulphur Springs, Friday before Second Sunday in October.
 Marshal, Friday before Second Sunday in October.
 Warrior River, Friday before Third Sunday in October.
 Clear Creek, Friday before First Sunday in October.

DECLARATION OF FAITH.

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of divine instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and, therefore, is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD.

We believe there is one, and only one living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth: inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love. That in the unity of the God-head there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost: equal in every Divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

We believe that man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice: being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and, therefore, under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

We believe the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who by the appointment of the Father freely took upon him our nature, yet without sin: honored the divine law by his personal obedience, and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven; and imitating in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with Divine perfections, he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all-sufficient Saviour.

V. Of Justification.

We believe that the great Gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification that Justification includes the pardon of sin and the promise of eternal life on the principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect righteousness is freely imputed to us of God — that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation.

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel: that it is the immediate duty of all to accept

them by a cordial, penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit, in connection with Divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith and newness of life.

VIII. Of Repentance and Faith.

We believe that Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession, and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all-sufficient Saviour.

IX. Of God's Purpose of Grace.

We believe that election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believed the gospel; and that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

X. Of Sanctification.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter; in the continual use of the appointed means—especially the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

XI. Of the Perseverance of Saints.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. Of the Harmony of the Law and the Gospel.

We believe the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men

to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from the love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy Law is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. Of A Gospel Church.

We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only scriptural officers are Bishops, or Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XIV. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life: that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn examination.

XV. Of the Christian Sabbath.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society, and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed, except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief, are in his sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVIII. OF THE WORLD TO COME.

We believe that the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place: that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in Heaven or Hell on principles of righteousness.

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This body shall be known as the CULLMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, and shall meet annually at such time and place as the Association may appoint.

2. It shall be composed of the Bishops and three messengers from each church in the Association.

3. The objects of this Association are to promote practical piety in our churches to extend the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, to assist young ministers in preparing for the ministry, to provide for the support of worn-out ministers and the families of deceased ministers that need help.

4. Any Baptist church of our faith and order may, by a petitionary letter and messengers, become a member of this Association by a unanimous vote of the body in session—the Moderator giving the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

5. That each church in this body will furnish its proportionate part of the means for carrying out the objects of this Association, set forth in Article 3rd of this Constitution.

6. This Association shall at each session elect a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. The Moderator shall preside over the body and keep order. The Clerk shall keep correct minutes of the business done by the body. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys put into his hands for Associational purposes, pay it out by order of the Association and make annual report of the same.

7. This Association will withdraw fellowship from any church that fails to discipline its members, if guilty of wicked and disorderly conduct, or any other departure from the faith and practice of the gospel.

8. This Association shall appoint three quarterly meetings between the sessions of the Association. These meetings shall be composed of Bishops and Deacons in the Association, and any members the churches may send. The design of these meetings is to promote unity in faith and practice, and the acquirement of religious knowledge.

9. This Association shall at each session appoint one of her Bishops to preach an introductory sermon, and another one to preach a missionary sermon at the next session of the body.

10. This Association, through its Executive Board, shall cooperate with the State Mission Board and the Alabama State Convention in supplying the destitution in our own bounds, or elsewhere in this State.

11. This Association adopts the articles of faith known as the New Hampshire Confession, found in Crowell's Church Member's Hand Book.

12. The Minutes of each session of this Association shall be read, approved and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercise, Thirty Minutes.
2. Introductory Sermon. Adjourn One Hour.
3. Association Called to Order by Moderator, or Clerk in the absence of the Moderator. Appoint two Brethren as Reading Clerks.
4. Call for. Read Letters and Enroll Delegates.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Appointment of necessary Committees.
8. Call for Correspondence.
9. Return Correspondence.
10. Call for Reports of Committees.
11. Appoint Time and Place of District Meeting.
12. Select Place for next Annual Meeting of Association.
13. Miscellaneous Business.
14. Appointment of Standing Committees.
15. Adjourn.

Financial Exhibit of Cullman Baptist As'n 1900

CHURCH.	MISSIONS.					Orphan's Home Cash and Voucher	Ministerial Education Cash and Voucher	Minutes
	State, Cash and Voucher	Home, Cash and Voucher	Foreign, Cash and Voucher	Associational, Cash and Voucher				
Bethsaida							1 00	
Bethlehem (E)							1 00	
Bethlehem (W)	1 60						1 45	
Beech Grove							20 90	
Bethany								
Bangor								
Center Hill		2 25					75	
Cold Spring					50	85	65	
Concord		50				2 30	90	
Center Grove							85	
Corinth							50	
Duck River	65	65	70		1 50	2 00	80	
Ebenezer		40	2 60				1 00	
Enon							95	
Emeus		50	2 70		55	75	60	
Etha							80	
Fairview								
First Cullman	3 75						1 60	
Flint Creek	3 75						1 00	
Goodhope	1 00	1 00	1 00		3 10		2 00	
Harmony							1 00	
Hopewell	2 20						2 00	
Logan	3 90						60	
Missionary Grove			2 75				1 00	
Mt. Hope							1 20	
New Harmony			75				75	
New Home				1 30			1 45	
Pilgrims Rest	1 00	2 15				2 05	90	
Pleasant Grove			1 00				50	
Ryans Creek		50	25		50	1 15	1 25	
Sardis	85	1 00			2 91	1 00	1 00	
Simcoe	75	75	75			75	25	
West Cullman		1 05					1 00	
Welcome		10	50			75	75	
El Bethel							50	
Liberty							1 00	
New Hope	2 10						50	
	21 55	10 85	13 00	2 05	9 06	11 80	32 40	

STATISTICS OF CULLMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH.	COU'NTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Members reported	Baptism	Increase by Letter	Increase by Voucher	Increase by Restor'm. Letter	Decrease by Exclusion	Decrease by Easure	Decrease by Death	Present Membr-	Officers and 'Tch'rs.	Pupils	SUNDAY SCHOOL.	Preaching Sab'ths		
																		Membership last	Increase by Letter	Increase by Voucher	Increase by Restor'm. Letter	Decrease by Exclusion	Decrease by Easure	Decrease by Death	Present Membr-	Officers and 'Tch'rs.	Pupils	SUPERINTENDENTS NAME. POSTOFFICE	Preaching Sab'ths
Bethsaida	Cullman	G. W. Brager	Wm. Bradford	Cullman	46	12	10	1	7	2	1	1	59	33	6	50	.....	4
Bethlehem (E.)	Bloont	H. W. Head	J. Abernathy	Hanceville	59	2	4	5	2	3	2	2	59	72	3	59	.....	5
Bethlehem (W.)	Cullman	Thos. Kelly	L. B. Cornubus	Crooked creek	62	6	5	6	1	1	2	61	73	6	61	.....	2	
Beech Grove	"	T. E. Hays	N. H. Effort	Hanceville	39	11	3	8	1	1	2	91	59	3	27	w Shirley, Hanceville.	4		
Beechvay	"	W. M. Smith	W. E. Freeman	whet	80	11	3	8	1	1	2	91	59	3	27	w Shirley, Hanceville.	4		
Banzor	Bloont	Wm. Keppes, 'D	"	"	34	2	6	1	2	1	1	33	6	5	w J. Alfred, Hanceville	.....	4	
Center Hill	Cullman	H. W. Head	R. A. Giles	Hanceville	24	2	6	6	2	1	2	33	6	6	50	w J. Alfred, Hanceville	4		
Gold Spring	"	W. M. Smith	L. B. Williamson	Bremen	24	6	1	1	2	1	2	33	6	6	50	w J. Alfred, Hanceville	4		
Concord	"	J. C. Whitley	Robt. Walker	Loyd	16	11	3	2	2	2	1	19	6	30	(Geo) Yeager, Yeager	.....	4	
Center Grove	"	R. G. Parley	E. D. Loyd	Cullman	16	2	2	2	4	1	1	19	6	30	(Geo) Yeager, Yeager	.....	4	
Cornth	"	D. H. Grogan	E. L. Berk	Chily	24	1	3	1	4	4	4	20	6	46	60	6	62	J. D. Tanksley, B'kly'd	
Duck River	"	A. A. Hannah	W. M. Park	Walter	47	3	1	3	1	8	4	46	6	38	60	6	62	J. D. Tanksley, B'kly'd	
Pikebazer	"	J. E. Bailey	J. R. Olen	Cullman	38	5	3	5	5	5	2	25	2	25	2	25	2	20	J. M. Bottoms, Loggan
Prong	"	T. E. Weaver	W. T. King	Loggan	23	5	3	3	5	5	2	22	2	22	2	22	2	20	J. W. Goodell, Fall Creek
Edwards	"	W. H. Guthrie	W. J. Keller	Katie	23	3	2	1	2	1	2	22	2	22	2	22	2	20	J. W. Goodell, Fall Creek
Edna	"	Wm. Wright	"	"	23	3	2	1	2	1	2	22	2	22	2	22	2	20	J. W. Goodell, Fall Creek
Farview	"	Wm. Keppes, 'D	A. B. Puffer	Cullman	72	3	2	1	2	1	2	72	8	72	8	94	S. H. Green, Cullman	4	
First Cullman	"	E. Weaver	J. C. Jackson	Needmore	64	6	6	5	6	5	4	72	8	72	8	94	S. H. Green, Cullman	4	
Plant Creek	"	W. A. Bisher	W. A. Taylor	Glade	150	1	6	1	2	1	2	160	8	160	8	87	w A. Taylor, Glade	1	
Goodhope	"	W. H. A. Bisher	John Enmore	Ruby	44	2	12	1	2	1	2	42	7	42	7	42	7	87	w A. Taylor, Glade
Harmony	"	L. J. Kelly	John Enmore	Hanceville	110	4	2	2	1	1	2	117	7	117	7	80	J. W. McGlow Johnson's	4	
Loggan	"	W. H. Guthrie	T. B. Swafford	Cullman	86	3	1	1	1	1	1	84	7	84	7	60	w A. C. Hays, Loggan	1	
Loggan	"	R. C. Ledbetter	W. W. Coggrins	Cullman	83	3	1	1	1	1	1	84	7	84	7	60	w A. C. Hays, Loggan	1	
Missionary Grove	"	W. M. Smith	J. P. Miller	Crane Hill	8	5	4	4	4	4	2	15	5	15	5	75	Thos. warrick, Phanket	1	
Mr. Hope	"	J. W. H. Kennedy	w. w. Neles	Joppa	109	1	1	1	1	1	1	103	5	103	5	50	E. Braswell, walter	2	
New Harmony	"	J. S. Phillips	H. J. Preston	Bahleyton	43	2	8	1	4	1	2	49	6	49	6	50	E. Braswell, walter	2	
New Home	"	S. J. Cox	w. J. Jackson	walter	43	2	8	1	4	1	2	49	6	49	6	50	E. Braswell, walter	2	
Pleasant Rest	"	W. W. Bragg	w. T. Bottoms	Bremen	34	3	4	4	4	4	4	38	2	38	2	30	w J. Tucker, Bremen	2	
Rydans Creek	"	E. M. Leath	S. J. Calvert	Loggan	114	3	5	5	5	5	1	108	2	108	2	30	w J. Tucker, Bremen	2	
Sardis	"	R. C. Ledbetter	James Hancock	Trimble	49	2	5	5	5	5	1	53	3	53	3	38	w Y. Brindley, Simcoe	2	
Simcoe	"	G. C. Glasscock	J. C. Glasscock	Simcoe	22	4	4	4	4	4	1	20	3	20	3	38	w Y. Brindley, Simcoe	2	
West Cullman	"	W. H. Asher	T. J. Peay	Cullman	40	3	4	4	4	4	1	42	7	42	7	60	w Whaley, Cullman	2	
Welcome	"	J. C. Whaley	R. I. Casan	Bahleyton	38	4	4	4	4	4	1	48	6	48	6	30	w w wells, Fall Creek	2	
EJ Bethel	"	W. M. Smith	H. J. Kiggins	Bremen	70	3	3	3	3	3	0	66	39	66	39	39	39	2	
Liberty	"	Thos. Kelly	H. A. Pars	Hebron	33	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	11	39	11	39	11	2	
New Hope	Cullman	R. C. Ledbetter	w. H. Meswain	Cullman	112	9	9	4	107	21	3	201	997	93	932	.....	2	



